

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 719

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of M.V. Williams, Jr. of Germantown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of M.V. Williams, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate pharmacist, landowner, and farmer who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Vester and Carrie Williams, M.V. Williams, Jr. was born on September 26, 1920 in Friendship, Tennessee; following his time at Friendship High School, Mr. Williams graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and the U.S. Army Air Corps Bombardier School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served with acumen and alacrity as a pharmacist in the Friendship community, in which profession he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, M.V. Williams, Jr. also dedicated his time and energies to a number of community organizations, including the Tennessee Telephone Association, the Tennessee Poultry and Egg Federation, the Friendship Water Company, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, the Crockett Telephone Company, and more than fifty years as a member of the Crockett County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a committed farmer and landowner, Mr. Williams was known for his long history of involvement with water resources, which included serving twenty-five years as a member of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association's executive committee and organizing local landowners into the West Tennessee Tributaries Association, an organization

which supported the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its efforts to complete the West Tennessee flood control project; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Williams was presented the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Award, the highest honor awarded a civilian by the Army, in 1994; and

WHEREAS, M.V. Williams, Jr. was a devout member of the United Methodist Church in Friendship and then, subsequent to his retirement to Germantown, the Germantown Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-seven years and childhood sweetheart, Virginia Dare Stallings Williams, and his parents, Vester and Carrie Williams; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Bill and Alice Williams, Mike and Gay Williams, Brenda and George Estok, and Dotty and Mike Carter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams will also be sorely missed by his six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of M.V. Williams, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.